

SMITH Southwell Gardens London S W 12 Nov. 1866

Dear Gray - I am very much pressed at this
moment and ^{just} ~~just~~ answering your kind letter
till I have got the rather tough appendix to my
little book off my hands - Meanwhile I send
this apology for a letter the more readily
as I think you will be glad to hear that the
Council of the Royal Society have adjudged the
Rumford medal to your countryman - I might
almost say our fellow countryman Langley for
his admirable researches on Solar Radiation
especially his Report on the Mount Whitney
Expedition - I think that although I don't
pretend to have any authority in the matter
I contributed to the result as I was so much

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struck by the excellence of his work & the
importance of his results that I got several
of our best men to study the Report of which
I fancy not many others have come to this
country - I don't believe that it is possible and
it is only from a friend that I even ate to the north
- it - Hooker is looking remarkably well - Hooker
very much better than he was - that we have
lost Hooker an excellent & most member of the
Philosophical Club -

With our warmest kindest greetings to dear
Mrs Gray ever best wishes
I have seen the history of the Brit. Mus. I made
to please the Nat. history of
Tennessee Nashville